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TOPIC Military Information from Schwerin

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REMARKS

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1. On 28 and 29 December 1950, no changes were observed at the head-quarters on Schlossgartenallee in Schwerin (H 54/T 46). Motor vehicles seen there

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(1)

2. An ammunition dump was located on Ludwigslusterstrasse, opposite the Krueger Kaserne. Ammunition boxes were unloaded there from trucks and carried into earth bunkers. (2)

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3. Intensive basic training was observed on the yards in all barracks installations in Schwerin and at the drill fields. No groups larger than 15 men were observed.

4. The Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrowerstrasse was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles

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were identified at the installation. (3)

5. Gate guards at the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stellingstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Motor vehicles seen there were

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(4)

6. Sentries at the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigslusterstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles

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were identified in the billeting area. (5)

7. The Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigslusterstrasse was guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Six JS tanks left

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the installation at 2 p.m. on 28 December 1950 and then participated in driving and aiming practice in the terrain opposite the billeting area. Motor vehicles observed at the Moltke Kaserne were [REDACTED]

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8. Gate guards at the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigslusterstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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9. Sentries in front of the DAF (German Labor Front) building on Hagenowerstrasse wore black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Motor vehicles parked at the building were [REDACTED]

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10. Between 27 December 1950 and 5 January 1951, the Hindenburg Kaserne was apparently still occupied by not less than 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Little outdoor activity was observed in the billeting area on 27 December. Four officers wearing artillery insignia left the installation on that day. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified.

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Two groups of 10 soldiers each received basic training in the billeting area on 3 January. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen on that day. About 80 percent of the windows of all five barracks buildings were lighted after sundown. (3)

11. The Moltke Kaserne still appeared to be fully occupied. Almost all windows of the installation were lighted at dusk. Intensive training activity of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia, was seen in the barracks yard. Six guns of about 50 mm and six guns of close to 100 mm were parked in the yard on 27 December. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified. (6)

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12. No changes were observed at the DAF building at Poescherkrug. Source still believed a high echelon headquarters to be located there. All windows of the building were lighted on the evening of 5 January. Some officers left the building and walked to the Fritsch Kaserne. Motor vehicles observed at the DAF building were [REDACTED] (8)

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13. The Freiherr von Fritsch Kaserne was still occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops. Sentries observed at the two gates of the installation on 27 December wore black epaulets. A great deal of activity was seen in the billeting area. All windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. Ambulance [REDACTED] was parked in front of the installation. (4)

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14. The Krueger Kaserne still quartered troops with red-bordered black epaulets, who source believed belonged to a tank unit. Only a few soldiers were seen in the billeting area on 27 and 28 December. There was no vehicular traffic. All barracks windows were again lighted on the evening of 5 January. The noise of motors was heard from the barracks yard on that day, but no motor vehicles were seen. Source thought that the unit had been away from the installation for a field exercise. (5)

15. The ammunition dump opposite the Krueger Kaserne was brightly lighted on the evening of 5 January.

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- Comments. In late November and mid-December 1950, same source reported (1) a corps headquarters to have been located there. [REDACTED] (2) Compare with similar information of November 1950 by another source. See [REDACTED]

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- (3) The same two sources reported the Hindenburg Kaserno to have quartered an artillery component of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div in late November 1950. [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (4) The same two sources reported a signal component of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div or the IX Itz Rifle Corps to have been stationed in the Fritsch Kaserno in late November 1950. [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (5) The tank unit, probably the 74th (?) Tank SP Regt, is stationed in the adjacent Moltke Kaserno, rather than in the Krueger Kaserno. See Field Comment (6).
- (6) In November and December 1950, another source identified Unit [REDACTED] 25X1C
[REDACTED] i.e., the 74th (?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div, 25X1A
in the Moltke Kaserno. [REDACTED]
- 25X1C (7) [REDACTED] headquarters units of the IX Itz Rifle Corps and elements of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div.
- (8) The same and another source reported a division headquarters in the DAF building in November 1950. [REDACTED] 25X1A
The headquarters is fairly definitely believed to be the Hq 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div.

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